

Positive comment: KNOM Alaska provides a valuable local educational service to remote sites in Alaska. Airing some 34,000 educational spots yearly, they broadcast to many tiny communities and reach the people needing to hear these topics the most. Consider that, if not for KNOM, most remote communities would not hear about diabetes prevention, abusive relationships, dog bites, teen dating, grieving, the common cold, domestic violence, Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, women's heart disease, exercise, U.S. history, Alaska history, science, television violence, to name just a few.

Without approval for KNOM's village translator stations fed by satellite, many local communities will not have access to vital, and in many instances, life-saving information. The FCC has permitted satellite-fed translators in Alaska for the past 30 years and should continue in this instance to continue this licensing indefinitely. Without local access to KNOM's radio information many of the most distant villages will have no reliable radio service at all.

In the case of KNOM, localism is one of the first benefits of their broadcasting within Alaska, not usurpation of local issues by national satellite feed, as in the case of most of the lower 48 states.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.